

REMARKS

Upon entry of the claim amendments, Claims 1-2, 5-9, and 23 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, Claims 27 and 28 are objected to at Section No. 4 (page 5) of the final Office Action as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of Claims 27 and 28 into Claims 1 and 2, respectively. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of pending Claims 1-2, 5-9, and 23, wherein each of Claims 5-9 and 23 depends from Claim 1.

The final Office Action contains a single rejection. In particular, Claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-26, and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly being not enabled.

The §112 rejection has been rendered moot by Applicants' incorporation of the subject matter from Claims 27 and 28 into independent Claims 1 and 2, respectively. Withdrawal of the §112 rejection is requested.

Referring to Section No. 1 at page 2 of the final Office Action, the Examiner points out that Claim 8 is withdrawn from consideration. Withdrawn Claim 8 is directed to a process for producing the resin sheet of Claim 1. Thus, rejoinder of Claim 8 is proper and requested upon the allowance of Claim 1. In this regard, where an applicant elects a claim directed to a product, and the product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims **which depend from** or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined. MPEP §821.04.

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be

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best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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